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SUBJ: ROMANIAN INTEREST IN FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

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1. SINCE GOR DID NOT CONTACT US AS PROMISED REFTTEL, EMBOFF MET WITH FLORIN IORGULESCU, CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WATERS, DECEMBER 23. NOTING THAT IBRD HAS APPROVED A FLOOD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT FOR ROMANIA WHICH PROVIDES CREDITS FOR FLOOD WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEMS, EMBOFF ASKED WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, GOR THOUGHT US MIGHT PLAY IN SETTING UP SUCH SYSTEMS.

2. IORGULESCU REPLIED THAT HIS COUNCIL WAS NOW DRAWING UP THE COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR EACH HYDROLOGICAL BASIN IN ROMANIA, INDICATING THAT FLOOD WARNING AND CONTROL WOULD BE A PART OF EACH OF THESE PLANS. HE EXPECTED THAT THESE PLANS WOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR GOR AND PARTY APPROVAL SHORTLY (APPROVAL GIVEN DECEMBER 26), AND THAT THEY WOULD BE DISCUSSED AND APPROVED BY A CONVENTION OF PEOPLES' COUNCILS (I.E. LOCAL

GOVERNMENTS) IN FEBRUARY. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF THE PLANS

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GOR MIGHT

WELL SEEK US PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH FLOOD

WARNING SYSTEMS. HE REITERATED THAT ANY ON-SITE SURVEYS WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT YRING THAW IN ANY CASE.

3. IORGULESCU AND EMBOFF AGREED THAT GOR WOULD REQUEST ANY US ASSISTANCE WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT USEFUL PROGRAM COULD BE DRAWN UP AND APPROVED.

4. COMMENT: WITH IBRD LOAN APPROVED, GOR WILL BE COMMITTED TO SEVERAL WARNING SYSTEMS, MAKING A MORE CAREFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT THAN URGENCY FELT JUST AFTER JULY FLOODS. EMBASSY APPRECIATES WASHINGTON AGENCIES' PATIENCE WITH GOR'S CHANGES IN TIMING AND LIMITED COMMUNICATION. BALL IS STILL SQUARELY IN THEIR COURT.
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